



H.Con.Res. 365 – Honoring the Life of Robert Mondavi

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 365 is expected to be considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Mike Thompson (D-CA) on May 22, 2008. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform approved the resolution by voice vote on June 20, 2008.

H.Con.Res. 365 is expected to be considered on the floor on June 24, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 365 resolves that Congress honors the life of Robert Mondavi, a true pioneer and patriarch of the California wine industry.

BACKGROUND

Robert Mondavi was born on June 18, 1913, in Virginia, Minnesota, and later moved to Lodi, California. He was a 1936 graduate of Stanford University with a degree in economics and business administration.

In 1966, at the age of 53, he established the Robert Mondavi Winery, which was the first major winery to be opened in Napa Valley following the end of prohibition. Mr. Mondavi developed several new winemaking techniques in California including cold fermentation, stainless steel tanks, and the use of French oak barrels.

The success of his many vineyards enabled Mr. Mondavi to be a benefactor of cultural and educational institutions, including Copia: The American Center for Wine, Food, and the Arts, and the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science at the University of California, Davis. Mr. Mondavi was the first inductee in the Culinary Institute of America's "Vintners Hall of Fame."

Mr. Mondavi passed away on May 16, 2008, at the age of 94.

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